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FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY HELLA PICK APPEARED IN THE JULY 23
EDITION OF THE GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER:

QUOTE: DR. KISSINGER MAY SOON HAVE ANOTHER MEETING
WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. VORSTER, MAINLY
TO DISCUSS AGAIN THE US PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT IN
RHODESIA. THE PAIR MET LAST MONTH IN WEST GERMANY. THE
SECRETARY OF STATE BELIEVES THAT HIS PLAN FOR RHODESIA
CANNOT BE PUT INTO EFFECT WITHOUT ACTIVE SOUTH AFRICAN
SUPPORT.

THE PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE STILL NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC,
TAKE AS THEIR STARTING POINT A BRITISH PLAN FOR MAJORITY
RULE IN RHODESIA WITHIN 18 MONTHS. GRAFTED ON TO IT IS
AN AMERICAN OFFER OF SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL HELP TO BUY
OUT WHITE RHODESIANS WHO WANT TO SETTLE ELSEWHERE, IN-
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CLUDING SOUTH AFRICA, BRITAIN, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.

DR. KISSINGER HAS TAKEN KENYA AS HIS MODEL WHERE BRITAIN PROVIDED MORE THAN 100 MILLIONS POUNDS STERLING AT THE TIME OF THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE TO ENABLE THE KENYATTA GOVERNMENT TO BUY THE HIGHLAND FARMS OWNED BY WHITE SETTLERS.

FAR LARGER SUMS ARE REQUIRED IN RHODESIA WHERE THE WHITE SETTLERS ARE MORE NUMEROUS, AND WHERE MANY OF THEM ARE IN BUSINESS AND NOT ONLY ON THE LAND. THE KISSINGER PLAN APPARENTLY INVOLVES MONEY TO HELP TO BUY OUT FARMERS AND BUSINESSES, AND TO GUARANTEE THE PENSIONS OF WHITE CIVIL SERVANTS WHO DECIDE TO LEAVE A RHODESIA UNDER BLACK MAJORITY RULE. THE UNITED STATES WOULD ALSO CALL ON THE BLACK LEADERSHIP IN RHODESIA TO OFFER GUARANTEES FOR THOSE WHITES WHO OPT TO STAY ON AFTER RHODESIA'S INDEPENDENCE.

DR. KISSINGER HAS BRITAIN'S SUPPORT, BUT MR. VORSTER APPARENTLY WANTED TO KNOW BLACK AFRICAN REACTIONS BEFORE COMMITTING HIMSELF TO THROW SOUTH AFRICA'S WEIGHT BEHIND AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE MR. SMITH TO GIVE UP POWER BY NEGOTIATING A SETTLEMENT ALONG THESE LINES.

A STATE DEPARTMENT EMISSARY, MR. WILLIAM SCHAUFLE, HAS BEEN TOURING BLACK AFRICAN CAPITALS BUT APPARENTLY HAS NOT MET WITH MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT. PRESIDENT NYERERE OF TANZANIA, IS REPORTED TO HAVE COMPLAINED THAT WHITE RHODESIANS COULD NOT EXPECT SPECIAL TREATMENT NEARLY 11 YEARS AFTER THEIR UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. PRESIDENT MACHEL OF MOZAMBIQUE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE NEGATIVE, STRONGLY OPPOSING ANY CONCESSIONS TO RHODESIA'S WHITES AND INSISTING THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT GUERRILLA ACTION TO OUST THE SMITH REGIME. HE REPORTEDLY INSISTED THAT ALL WHITES MUST BE DRIVEN OUT OF RHODESIA AND DID NOT DESERVE ANY FINANCIAL COMPENSATION. MANY OF THE GUERRILLAS IN RHODESIA OPERATE FROM MOZAMBIQUE.

HOWEVER, US SOURCES QUESTION WHETHER PRESIDENT MACHEL IS PERHAPS MAINTAINING A GREATER INTRANSIGENCE FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION THAN HE WOULD IF THE KISSINGER PLAN WERE PUT INTO OPERATION. MOZAMBIQUE HAS NOT, SO FAR, FELT ABLE TO RID HERSELF OF HER OLD LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

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PRESIDENT MACHEL HAS QUIETLY MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA TO PROVIDE WHITE TECHNICIANS TO OPERATE PORTS AND RAILWAYS. AND HAS ALSO ALLOWED 100,000 CITIZEN TO CONTINUE WORKING IN SOUTH AFRICA'S GOLD MINES.
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